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Du'ā for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'ā (prayer) before studying a religious book or Islamic lesson, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, you will remember whatever you study.

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

Yā Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious!

(Al-Mustaṭraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite Ṣalāt-‘Alan-Nabī once before and after the Du'ā.

Transliteration Chart

ء	A/a	ڑ	Ř/ř	ل	L/l
ا	A/a	ز	Z/z	م	M/m
ب	B/b	ژ	X/x	ن	N/n
پ	P/p	س	S/s	و	V/v,
ت	T/t	ش	Sh/sh		W/w
ٹ	Ṭ/ṭ	ص	Ṣ/ṣ	ة / ه / هـ	Ĥ/ĥ
ث	Ṣ/ṣ	ض	Ḍ/ḍ	ی	Y/y
ج	J/j	ط	Ṭ/ṭ	ے	Y/y
چ	Ch	ظ	Ẓ/ẓ	ـ	A/a
ح	H/h	ع	‘	ُ	U/u
خ	Kh/kh	غ	Gh/gh	ِ	I/i
د	D/d	ف	F/f	و مدّه	Ū/ū
ڈ	Ḍ/ḍ	ق	Q/q	ی مدّه	Ī/ī
ذ	Ẓ/ẓ	ک	K/k	ا مدّه	Ā/ā
ر	R/r	گ	G/g		

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The Calls of the River

Although Satan will try his best to prevent you from reading this discourse making you feel lazy, read it from beginning to end, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will feel a Madanī transformation in yourself.

A crown of pearls

The book *Al-Qaul-ul-Badī* states that somebody from the resident of Shīrāz dreamt to Sayyidunā Abul ‘Abbās Aḥmad bin Manṣūr عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْغَفُورُ he is standing in the Miḥrāb of the main Masjid of Shīrāz wearing a crown of pearls on his head, dressed in a heavenly garment. The man seeing the dream asked, **مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ بِكَ؟** ‘What did Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ do to you?’ He replied, **“الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ”** I used to recite Durūd in abundance and it is this that saved me. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgave me and made me enter in the Heaven wearing a crown of pearls. (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badī*, p 112, *Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

My Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyidunā Ka'b-ul-Aḥbār رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a great Tabi'ī saint but before accepting Islam he was a renowned Jewish scholar. His blessed tomb is situated in the United Arab Emirates in "Al-'Aīn" which is the capital of Abu Dhabi. (اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ) I have blessed with the privilege to visit his blessed tomb several times) Sayyidunā Ka'b-ul-Aḥbār رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ narrates the following story, "A man from Banī Isrā'īl, despite having repented previously, committed adultery and then went into a river to do Ghusl. When he was inside the water he heard the river call out, "Are you not ashamed of yourself? Did you not repent and promise never to do this again?" When the man heard the voice he began to tremble with fear and ran away from the river and as he ran he was saying to himself, "From this day on I will never disobey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ" He kept on running in a state of tears (out of shame), until he reached a mountain where he saw twelve pious men engaged in worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and decided to join them in their devotional practices. After some time the men faced a famine and so they decided to set out towards the city in search for food. As they walked they approached the same river.

That man began to tremble with fear and said, "I cannot walk towards that river because there is someone there who is aware of my sins, I feel ashamed to confront him again." He stopped, but the twelve men proceeded towards the river, as they approached it they heard the river call out, "Oh righteous people! Where is your companion?" They replied, "He says there is someone here who knows his sins and that he feels ashamed to confront him."

The river spoke again, “سُبْحَنَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ” If someone dear to you injures you but then regrets his action and asks you to forgive him and forsake his evil habit, will you not reconcile with him? Your companion has repented and engaged him self in acts of piety, therefore he has reconciled with his Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Bring him with you and all of you worship at the side of this river.” They gave their companion the glad news and then remained at the river, where they spent their time worshipping their Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

When the man died, the river spoke, “Oh righteous people! give him Ghusl with my water, and bury him alongside me so that he is resurrected from this very place on the day of judgement.” They did as they were told. That night they worshipped Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and then went to sleep near the man’s grave. They had intended to proceed further and leave the following morning but when they awoke they saw twelve cypress trees around the grave and realised that they had been created for them by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and that He wanted them to remain where they were and live under their shade. So they worshipped there for the rest of their lives. Whenever one of them would die he would be buried beside the grave (of the repentor) and thus all of them passed away one by one and the people of Banī Isrāīl used to visit their blessed tombs for blessings. (*Kitāb-ut-Tawwābīn*, p 90) May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on them and forgive us for their sakes.

آمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is watching

My Dear Islamic brothers! So you see how merciful and generous Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is. If anyone repents sincerely he becomes pleased with him. This story also tells us that the sinner can never be able to hide himself from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ who is always watching every one.

Never stop repenting

My Dear Islamic brothers! When one commits a sin he should instantly repent to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and if he repeats the sin again he must repent again and again and again. One must never lose hope in the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, His mercy has no bounds, forgiving sins does not decrease his mercy so we must constantly repent and plead to Him for His forgiveness. A Ḥadīṣ says that the one who repents is like one who has not sinned. (*Ibn-e-Mājah, Vol 4, p 491, Ḥadīṣ 4250*)

So repentance eliminates sins. Nevertheless, we must remain submissive in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ at all times and not despair of His mercy.

Will only the righteous enter in the heaven?

Since we are talking about mercy let me tell you that in the past I have come across some foolish people who have said that one can only enter in the Heaven through virtuous actions, sinners are definitely going to be thrown into Hell and I don't understand

why you talk about being forgiven out of mercy. These are definitely whispers of the devil. I am not talking of Allah's mercy on my own behalf, listen carefully! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in the 53 Verse of Sūrah Zumar (part 24):

قُلْ يٰعِبَادِىَ الَّذِيْنَ اَسْرَفُوْا عَلٰۤى اَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوْا

مِّنْ رَّحْمَةِ اللّٰهِ ۚ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوْبَ جَمِيْعًا ۚ اِنَّهٗ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ ﴿٥٣﴾

Say you, 'O My bondmen who have committed excesses against their own souls 'despair not of the mercy of Allah Undoubtedly, Allah forgives all sins, Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.'

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 24, Sūrah Zumar, Verse 53)

A Ḥadīṣ Qudsī mentioning a statement by the Merciful Creator

عَزَّوَجَلَّ states, سَبَقَتْ رَحْمَتِىْ غَضَبِىْ "My mercy dominates at my wrath."

(Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, Vol. 2, p 356)

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

Story of a humble man

My Dear Islamic brothers! Indeed the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is endless; if even the most minor act of piety pleases Him, He will open the doors of favours and reward him in ways we are unable to comprehend. The book "Kitāb-ut-Tawwābīn" mentions the following story narrated by Sayyidunā Ka'b-ul-Aḥbār رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ.

“Once two men amongst the Banī Isrāīl walked towards the Masjid, one entered but the other was overtaken by Allah’s fear and instead of stepping in he remained outside and said, “I, a sinner, am not worthy of placing my filthy body in the pure house of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.” This humility pleased Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and He turned him into a Şiddīq.” (*Kitāb-ut-Tawwābīn*, p 83) Remember! A Şiddīq is higher in rank than a “Walī” and a “Shahīd”.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Story of a shameful man

The following story has been mentioned on the same page. An Israelite once committed a sin but afterwards he felt ashamed and regretted what he had done. He panicked and restlessly ran around thinking of a way to have his sin forgiven and please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. This feeling of shame pleased Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and he too was made a Şiddīq.

Repentance is to feel ashamed

The Beloved Rasūl صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, “Repentance is to feel ashamed.” (*Al-Mustadrak*, Vol. 5, p 326, *Ḥadīṣ* 7287) In actual fact, sometimes feeling ashamed of sins prove to be more beneficial than even the greatest worship. This does not mean in any way that one should not worship. These things depend upon the will of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Sometimes feeling ashamed leads to salvation and sometimes worship does.

The fasting thief

The book “*Rauḍ-ur-Riyāḥīn*” mentions a story of a thief narrated by Sayyidunā Abu Bakr Shiblī عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَالِي. He says, “Once I was travelling to Syria along with a group of other travellers when on the way we were plundered by a gang of thieves. They took all our possessions and put them in front of their gang leader. Amongst the goods were a bag of sugar and almonds, the thieves began to eat them but their leader did not join them. I asked him why the rest of his gang was eating but he was not, he replied, “I am fasting”. I asked surprisingly, “How is it that you steal from people and fast at the same time?” He replied, “A man should do something to keep the doors of reconciliation open as well”. Sometime later I saw the same gang leader in a state of “Iḥrām” performing Ṭawāf of the blessed Ka’bah. His face was resplendent with the light of worship and he had been weakened himself through devotional practices. I asked surprisingly, “Are you the same man?” he answered, “Yes, I am, and let me tell you, that very same fast is what caused my reconciliation with Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.” (*Rauḍ-ur-Riyāḥīn*, p 163)

Fasting every Monday

My Dear Islamic brothers! So we have learnt that no act of piety should be seen as small and be ignored, you never know, that small looking action might just be accepted by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and might lead to your success in both worlds. The previous story also highlights for us the importance of optional fasts. It is

obviously not easy for every single person to fast optionally all the time but each and every one of us should at least make an attempt to fast every Monday, because it is Sunnaḥ to do so. Look at what fasting did for that gang leader! Fasting blessed him with guidance as well as sainthood.

Excuse for forgiveness

The book “*Kīmīyā-e-Sa’adat*” mentions the following statement made by Sayyidunā Shaykh Kitānī مُحَمَّدٌ بْنُ سَيِّدِهِ الْتَوَائِي, “I saw Sayyidunā Junaīd Baghdadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي after his death in a dream and asked, “What did Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ do to you?” He replied, “My worships and struggles were of no use to me, but the thing that caused my forgiveness was getting up at night and praying two rak’at of Taḥajjud Ṣalāḥ.” (*Kīmīyā-e-Sa’adat*, Vol. 2, p 1007)

My Dear Islamic brothers! One should develop a habit of performing optional worships as well as the compulsory, especially Taḥajjud, you never know, struggling to get up for Taḥajjud might just be accepted by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and lead to your success.

Some Muslims will definitely enter in the Hell

My Dear Islamic brothers! Beware! This compassionate speech must not let you believe that because the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is great you can miss your Ṣalāḥ, not fast in Ramaḍān, sit in front of the TV and watch films and dramas, get stare to women,

the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is great, so bother your parents, swear as much as you want, lie as much as you want, backbite Muslims as much as you want, hurt the feelings of Muslims, the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is great, so break all previous records of immorality, shave or trim your beard, steal, rob people, drink as much alcohol as you want, intoxicate yourself, gamble, infact why not open a casino to gamble and sell drugs and commit every sin you have not yet experienced, because the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is great. My Dear Islamic brothers! Beware of the devil, do not let him grab you by the ear and force you to obey him this way. Indeed, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is merciful and compassionate but he is also indifferent, as He showers favours upon people He can also punish them. What will we do if He punishes us for committing a minor sin?

Remember! Some Muslims will definitely be punished in the fire for their sins; we must fear the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ at all times, and hope that our names are not amongst the Hell dwellers.

A single bullet

Let me try to explain my point logically. Take for instance that there are 10,000 Islamic brothers in this gathering at the moment, now suppose a terrorist suddenly appears on one of these buildings surrounding us with a gun in his hand and shouts out, "I'll only fire one bullet, only one person will be shot, everyone else will be safe", what do you think? Will 9999 Islamic brothers stand fearless knowing that he will only fire one bullet

and only one man will be shot? Never, each and every single person will be run in fear thinking, ‘The bullet might hit me.’ I hope I have clarified my point.

Shoes of fire

Remember! It is a fact that a number of Muslims will be punished in the fire due to their sins, so why does each and every Muslim not fear that he might be put amongst them? The pain felt due to a bullet wound is nothing compared to the punishment of Hell. A Ḥadīṣ of Muslim Sharīf states that the mildest punishment in Hell is that a man will have to wear shoes of fire which will make his brain boil (like water does in a kettle), but the man subjected to this torment will think that this is the worst torment.

(Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, Vol. 1, p 115)

A Ḥadīṣ in Bukhārī Sharīf states that he will be asked on the day of judgement by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, “If you owned the entire universe would you give it all as Fidyah to stop this torment?” He will scream out, “Yes.” *(Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī Ḥadīṣ 6557, Vol. 4, p 261)* In other words, “Yes, I’ll give everything, please just take these shoes out of my feet, please just get rid me of this torment”.

Is the lightest punishment bearable?

My Dear Islamic brothers! Think to yourselves again and again! What if someone is punished with this “lightest” punishment for committing a minor sin? What will he do? What if one of us swears? Although this is a major sin, but what if he has to

suffer only the lightest torment? What will he do? What if he hurts his parents? This is a major sin, but what if he has to suffer the lightest torment? Is it bearable? Think about the sins you commit on a daily basis, what if because of lying, backbiting, telling tales, earning unlawfully, intoxicating oneself, watching films and dramas, listening to music, or even news from a female newscaster on TV, one has to suffer the lightest torment? What will he do? How unfortunate is that female news caster, who in order to earn a mere amount of money, reads out news on TV. Would that she had realized that thousands of men are committing sin by watching her, filling their eyes with misbegotten which may lead to Hell and she is also committing a great sin herself.

Anyhow! Anyone who says he only has a TV so that he can watch the news must listen carefully! It is misbegotten for a man to glance at a woman and for a woman to cast a lustful glance at a man, and this will lead to Hell. What if one has to suffer the lightest torment and wear shoes of fire for just watching the news on TV?

If you want to read about punishments then...

My Dear Islamic brothers! Although there will be much more severe modes of torment in the Hell at least become afraid of the lightest punishment. If you want to learn about these torments I suggest you read the written version of one of my speeches called “*Pur Asrār Khazānah*” (The Mysterious Treasure)

or listen to the audio version. Hopefully, you will find yourselves trembling with fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ after reading it. Ask yourselves, “What if I just have to suffer the mildest torment for missing Ṣalāh with jamā’at?” What will I do if have to wear shoes of fire for not avoiding looking at Ghāir Maḥram, or being informal with my sister in law or looking at her deliberately, or not avoiding contact with my paternal uncle’s wife, maternal uncle’s wife, or my cousin sisters, and forming an informal relationship with them, and having a laugh with them? **Yes! One’s sister in law, paternal uncle’s wife, maternal uncle’s wife, etc. are all considered Ghāir Maḥram in the eyes of Sharī’ah, therefore Sharī’ah has prohibited informalities with any of these women and any other woman one is allowed to marry and the same applies to women (they too must avoid contact with na Maḥram men).**

The destructive paths

My Dear Islamic brothers! We must not despair of the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, nor must we become fearless of His wrath. Both lead to destruction. If someone loses hope with the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ he will be ruined, but so will one who boldly commits sins and then gets caught in the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. We should always worship the Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ that has granted us innumerable favours out of sheer Mercy and benevolence and follow His beloved Rasūl صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and remain sincerely devoted to him the entire life. This is the key to our success in both worlds.

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The Blossoming of Sunnah

By the Grace of Allāh ﷺ Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are extensively learnt and taught in the congenial Madani Environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement for the propagation of Qur'an and Sunnah.

It is a Madani request to spend the whole night in the weekly Sunnah Inspiring Ijtimā' commencing after Ṣalāt-ul-Maghrib every Thursday in your city. (In Bāb-ul-Madinah [Karachi], the Ijtimā' is held at Faizān-e-Madinah, Mahallah Saudagran, Old Sabzi Mandi). Habitualize yourself to a punctual travel in the Madani Qafilah with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in order to learn the Sunnah and fill out the Madani In'amāt booklet daily practicing Fikr-e-Madinah (Madani Contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmaḍār (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami) of your locality. By the blessing of this, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will develop a mindset and a yearning to protect your faith, adopt the Sunnahs and be averse to sins.

Every Islamic brother should develop the Madani Mindset that **"I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world"** **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**

In order to reform ourselves, we must act upon the Madani In'amāt and to reform people of the entire world we must travel in the Madani Qafilah **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.



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